

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are presented for examination. Claims 9 and 10 are found allowable subject to being rewritten in independent form.

New claims 11 and 12 dependent from claim 1 have been added to further define the claimed invention.

The claims recite that the step of comparing is carried out by a comparator responsive to an incoming signal from the residential twisted pair wiring during a normal mode of operation, and responsive to the controlled value during an output driver control mode of operation carried out to correct a deviation at an output of the output driver from a proper level.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest these features.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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